

PRESIDENT'S ACTION IGNORED BY BOARD

Naval Academy Visitors
Make Report Causing
Comment.

Plan Roosevelt Disapproved
Recommended for
Annapolis.

Apparently the board of visitors to the Naval Academy at Annapolis either was not aware of the President's recent action abolishing the system of entrance to the Military Academy from preparatory institutions or else it has ignored that action, and is willing to run the risk of making an issue of its recommendation that the system that was pronounced a decided failure at West Point be adopted at Annapolis.

This recommendation, contained in the report of the board, which has just been made public, has created considerable comment in both military and naval circles. Secretary Metcalf was not inclined to express his views on the subject yesterday, and an expression from the President is awaited with interest. It is generally predicted that when the report is sent to the Congressional committee on naval affairs, at the opening of the session next December, this recommendation will be minus the approval of either the Secretary or the President.

Like Dick Report Last Year.

It is even suggested in some circles that possibly the board adopted this recommendation hastily, without giving close thought to it, as this year's report compares very closely as to the general recommendations with the report of the Dick board, last year. This recommendation, appearing in clause 4, provides that admission to the Academy shall be made by certificate of proficiency in course of study approved by the Secretary of the Navy and issued by private training schools recommended by him, in place of the mental examination as now held.

Taft Found Fault.

In fact, the system of entrance without examination to the Military Academy was condemned by the board of visitors to that Academy last year and fault with the system has been found by Secretary Taft and the general staff. Certain educational institutions having special military classes were designated as being of sufficient standing for their graduates to walk right into the Military Academy. It was pointed out that an unusually large number of cadets entering in that manner had failed of examinations later on, and many were notably lacking in qualifications. It was possible for the President or Secretary of War to favor any certain school, and the school, realizing the value of advertising that its graduates were granted entrance to West Point without examination, were suspected of lowering their own standard of examinations in order to swell the list of their graduates in the Military Academy.

What is regarded as a significant recommendation made by the board of visitors to Annapolis is that calling for less of a theoretical and more of a practical course of instruction. To prepare such a course, or to revise it, is the principal duty of the Wainwright board, appointed by the President during commencement week.

Course of Mathematics.

This board, if now develops, is under instructions, directly from the President, to give particular attention to the course of mathematics. Immediately after the appointment of this board, there was a sudden change made in the standard of mathematics, and by this change, six midshipmen, some of the second, and others the third class, managed to pull through, whereas, they had flunked and would have lost their opportunity of becoming naval officers.

Whether the President was aware that such a radical change, such as broke all precedents at the Academy, would favor any certain midshipman cannot at this moment be said. It has been remarked as a peculiar coincidence, however, that one of the students who thus got through is a son of a member of the board of visitors.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS REVENUE PRODUCER.

Furnishes \$35,000,000 to
U. S. in Whisky Fees
Yearly.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., June 22.—More than \$35,000,000 will have poured into the Treasury of the United States from the Central Illinois internal revenue district by July 1, the close of the fiscal year. This enormous sum will pay one-fifth of the entire amount necessary to conduct the United States Government in that length of time. The greatest distilleries in the world are located here in central Illinois and their revenue is a very important item in the operation of the Government of "Uncle Sam."

For the month of May the collections were \$2,835,000, and June promises to exceed this sum. Expended for the navy, would build the floating monitors, the Oregon; ten battleships of the first class, or twenty armored cruisers. It would maintain the United States army for six years and leave a margin for the payment of the consular service. The internal revenue district here is at once the most prolific and most economical of the Federal departments. It costs but 1 per cent to collect this vast sum.

STOLE DISTRICT WRENCH. CHARGE AGAINST LABORER

Charged with larceny from the District government, Samuel P. Hunter, a bricklayer, forty-four years old, is a prisoner at the Sixth precinct police station. He was arrested yesterday afternoon by Central Office Detectives Harlan and Evans.

It is alleged that Hunter stole a wrench belonging to the District, from Horace E. Prince, a District foreman, is the complainant.

TAFT SURE TO ANSWER CHARGES OF FORAKER



—Photo by Robert L. Dunne, New York.
SECRETARY TAFT GREETING PUBLIC IN THE WEST.

PLANNING SEVERAL SPEECHES

Will Defend President
in Brownsville
Case.

Secretary Taft, who returned to Washington yesterday afternoon from his Western trip, his close friends announce, will go to Ohio before he leaves for his Philippine trip, and make two or three speeches in reply to the recent Foraker address on Brownsville.

The Secretary will not repeat the same address in different places, and will probably make only one devoted to the main to Brownsville. But he will allude to that affair in different speeches, according to present arrangements.

Secretary Taft's appearance in this matter will be in the capacity of defender of the President. It is well known that at one stage of the Brownsville procedure Secretary Taft wanted to suspend judgment, and take no decisive action against the accused colored troops, but was overruled by the President. Thus it may be said that at that time he was practically in agreement with the position which Senator Foraker occupied. From beginning to end of the controversy Foraker has frankly advocated the cause of the colored soldiers, and he now maintains not only that they have not been proved guilty, but that their innocence has been thoroughly established.

Decision Is Unlikely.

Indications now are that no decision will ever be reached unless somebody confesses and tells the entire story, which is not likely to happen for years. But a positive determination of the facts seems impossible. Senator Foraker has handled his case with remarkable ability, and without question has succeeded in making many people believe there is serious doubt of the guilt of the soldiers. It may be mentioned, however, because it is well known in Senatorial circles, that all the conversions that have been made, among members of the Senate committee that has listened to the evidence, have been conversions to the belief that the soldiers are guilty. The committee is divided and will make majority and minority reports, but this will have no real significance because the Southern members went into the matter with the same prejudgment against the colored soldiers that Foraker entertained in their favor. Thus the element of politics and prejudice is so large that no verdict of the committee will ever have any convincing weight.

Fate of Colored Troops.

Perhaps if it could determine in any degree the fate of the colored troops there would be a more serious disposition to decide on the merits. But, whatever may be the decision, it can make

no difference whatever. The President's power to do what he did is questioned by nobody. He is commander-in-chief of army and navy, and has not transgressed his powers as such. Congress can impeach, try, convict and remove a President; but short of this there is no way in which it can undo his executive acts.

Senator Foraker, however, proposes going right ahead making political capital out of this case, and it is just dawning on the Administration chiefs that he has them in an uncomfortable position. Every negro Republican in the North is firmly convinced that Foraker is the friend of his race. They are for Foraker and against Taft. Their strength, indeed, is not enough to nominate or elect Foraker; but it is enough to defeat Taft if it can be held together against him.

Question of Negro Vote.

Without the negro vote, the Republicans cannot carry Indiana, Ohio or Pennsylvania in a close year. They have no chance at all in Maryland or Delaware, and Kentucky and Missouri would cease to be doubtful the moment the colored people were alienated from the Republicans. Illinois is considered a doubtful State if the negro vote were to unite firmly with the Democrats, and on a close vote even New York might easily be swung by this vote. Pennsylvania has an immense negro vote, and so has West Virginia.

Foraker, then, fighting for his political life, is prepared to make the country at large understand that if Taft is named for President he must start in the race with this immense handicap. That fact is going to be made plainer as the canvass continues. It doesn't make much difference to the average white man whether the Brownsville soldiers were guilty or innocent. But it is a matter of religion to the colored man.

The Foraker people believe that this negro question, supplementing the disaffection of organized labor because of Taft's record on the bench, will make the War Secretary impossible as a candidate. They think Taft's boom has already passed its zenith; that it will shrink from this time forward, and that, as the impossibility of Taft is realized by the country and by Ohio, Foraker will swing back into control. Ohio will return to its old loyalty to him and that in the end Foraker will be re-elected. That is the general scheme of campaign on which Foraker is at work.

CHINESE ELEVATED IN LIVERPOOL SOCIETY

LIVERPOOL, June 22.—Chinese and Japanese troubles in San Francisco have been reflected here with the astonishing result of placing the Orientals on a much higher standing than ever before.

It was alleged that the Liverpool Chinese conducted opium dens in their quarters here and carried on an extensive white slave traffic.

A report made public today sets forth that the Chinese are good citizens; most of them are engaged in laundry business and that many are married to white women.

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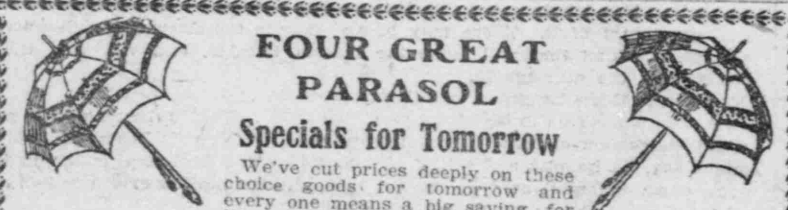
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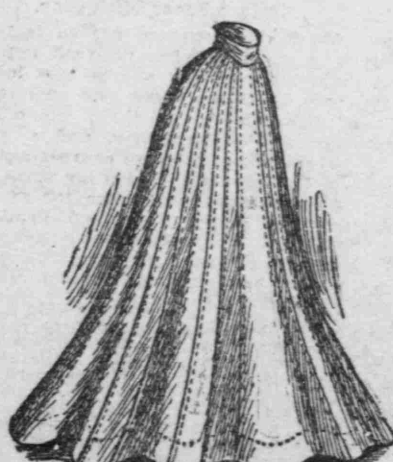
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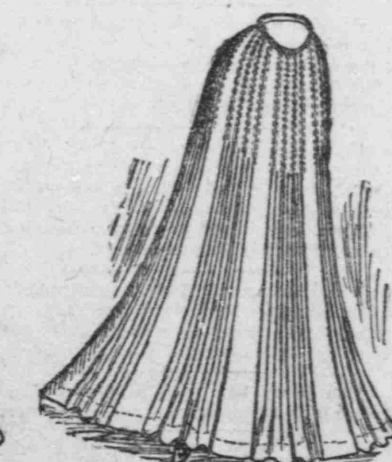
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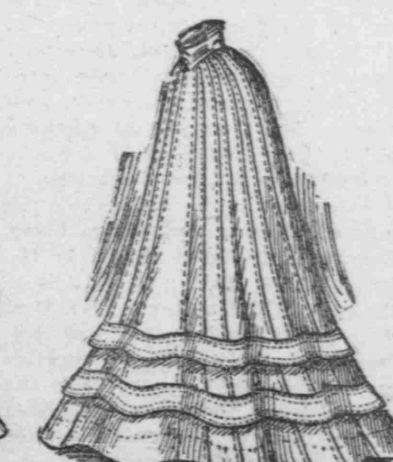
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